

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....May 2, 2008

Members Present.....Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,  
Commissioner James Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson and Commissioner Greg  
Chilcott

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll was in Missoula attending a multi-county  
coordinating committee meeting.

► The Board held a budget hearing with 9-1-1.

► The Board met with Airport Manager Page Gough for various airport matters which  
included the following. Also present were Airport Board Chairman Dave Hedditch and  
Airport Board Member Fred Haaskamp.

- Page updated the Board on the fencing issue along Golf Course Road specifically  
behind Mr. Jessop's residence. He indicated the county portion of building the  
new fence will be \$500.00. Mr. Jessop has agreed to pay the same amount as well  
as the Lessor of the agricultural property, Mr. Hale. The Board advised Page to  
move forward on this new fencing as discussed at a previous meeting.
- Glenda presented a letter for Commission approval to be sent to Dave Stelling of  
the FAA stating in part that the 'Ravalli County Airport has capital improvement  
plans in place for the entire balance of FAA Non-Primary Entitlement funds  
designated for the airport, and to consider this as a written request to carry over  
these funds into FY 2009'. She stated she had spoken with Rick Donaldson, of  
Robert Peccia Engineering about the need to send this letter and Rick advised her  
it was necessary in case there were any funds left over. However, he did not  
anticipate any funding being left over as Ravalli County had pretty much utilized  
all of the entitlement monies. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to  
have the Chairman sign this letter. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the  
motion and all voted "aye".**

- Task Order #3 which approves the submittal of the snow removal equipment acquisition request to the FAA and the Sponsor Certification for consultant. This will be the purchase of a tractor with a 3-point hitch which will allow for both snow removal and mowing (multi-functional). Glenda noted if this is approved by the FAA, the County can move forward with a Montana Aeronautics Grant for the purchase of this equipment. Page indicated between the amount the FAA will pay and the grant from the Montana Aeronautics Board, the County will have a small match of around \$2,500. **Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Task Order and Sponsor Certification which Glenda will submit to the Engineering Firm for approval by the FAA. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye."** Glenda also noted the Engineer, Rick Donaldson asked if the Commissioners would have any issues with his firm accepting the bids on the equipment in Helena, instead of the Commissioners accepting the bids because it would save him a trip to Hamilton, thus reducing the costs of the engineering. Commissioner Chilcott stated he would like the bid documents opened by the Commissioners and then sent to Rick for review and recommendation because he felt it was important to have 'open public government' for any one interested in reviewing the bids received. The other Board Members concurred and suggested Rick be available by phone when the bids were open. Glenda could then forward the opened bids to Rick.
- The Board also addressed a complaint by Ray Meeks who lives in a subdivision near the airport. Ray was not able to attend the meeting; therefore the Board reviewed an email written by Ray. Ray's complaint is in regard to the helicopter training occurring most every day, continuously through out the day and into the night. He asked if the hours of helicopter flight and training be possible of if a different location for training be possible. Page presented the Commissioners with the Resolution signed by the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the warning and disclaimer of liability for noise and vibration impact, the notice of noise in the vicinity of the airport and those that are affected by that noise, the easement granted to the county from the subdivision that Mr. Meeks lives within for the purpose of the airport; it's noise, vibration, dust and other effects from aircraft using the airport, and the pattern of noise abatement procedure for general aviation aircraft. Discussion included shifting the training of the helicopter to the northwest corner, away from this particular subdivision. Commissioner Chilcott expressed concern of the Airport Board or County Commissioners directing the pilot into another flight pattern. Page stated he understands that concern; but noted helicopters do not have to fly a pattern. It was agreed that Page and Members of the Airport Board should visit with the pilot of the helicopter in order to explain the complaint of Mr. Meeks and to find out if the pilot (Mr. Jessop) could fly in a different location, during the day times or only certain evening hours etc. A letter from the Commissioners could then be sent to Mr. Meeks advising him of that conversation with the Pilot and any mitigation that the Pilot would be amenable to. It was noted Mr. Meeks also expressed concern by complaint in October 2007 which they attempted to accommodate.

► In other business the Board reviewed the energy and natural gas rates from Coral Energy; a subsidiary of Shell for the Courthouse. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to lock in the rates for the natural gas during a certain period of 2008-09 and to sign the rates as estimated for the remainder of 2008-09. Commissioner Rokosch seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.** Commissioner Chilcott was not present at this discussion and vote.

► The Board held an interview for the Human Resource Director position.

► The Board met to discuss the applicants for the Human Resource Director position during the afternoon hours.